AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth below in marked-up form:

1. (Currently Amended) A roller for a crawler type traveling vehicle, the roller comprising:

roller pieces shaped to be axially separable at a parting section, wherein

~~the roller pieces are formed integrally at the parting section by press fitting to surround a support shaft~~

the parting section is formed of stepped engagement parts formed at respective ends of the roller pieces; and

the roller pieces are combined with a support shaft and press-fit connected and held together by frictional contact to a ring member disposed on the outer surface of the stepped engagement parts having a required width.

2. (Previously Presented) A roller for a crawler type traveling vehicle, the roller comprising:

roller pieces shaped to be axially separable at a parting section; wherein

the roller pieces are combined with a support shaft and ~~formed integrally~~ press-fit connected and held together by frictional contact at the parting section by press fitting; and

the parting section is formed of a stepped engagement part formed at one end of one of the roller pieces, and an external engagement part that is formed at one end of the other roller piece and fits on the outer surface of the stepped engagement part.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The roller for a crawler type traveling vehicle according to claim ~~3~~1, wherein the roller pieces each include, at a base end of the stepped engagement part, an inner flange for preventing the roller from coming off a crawler belt.

5. (Currently Amended) A roller for a crawler type traveling vehicle, the roller comprising:

roller pieces shaped to be axially separable at a parting section, wherein

~~the roller pieces are combined with a support shaft and formed integrally at the parting section by press fitting;~~

~~the parting section is formed of stepped engagement parts formed at respective ends of the roller pieces, and these roller pieces are formed integrally by being press-fitted to a ring member having a required width extending over the parting section; and~~

the parting section is formed of stepped engagement parts formed at respective ends of the roller pieces; and

the roller pieces are combined with a support shaft and press-fit connected and held together by frictional contact o a ring member disposed on the outer surface of the stepped engagement parts having a required width,

the ring member is shaped to project outward from a rolling contact surface and extend axially, thereby to also serve as an inner flange for preventing the roller from coming off of a crawler belt.

the parting section is formed of stepped engagement parts formed at respective ends of the roller pieces; and

the roller pieces are combined with a support shaft and formed integrally by being press-fitted to a ring member disposed on the outer surface of the stepped engagement parts having a required width,

6. (Currently Amended) The roller for a crawler type traveling vehicle according to claim 1, 2, ~~3,~~ 4 or 5, wherein the support shaft is provided with a projection for restraining the roller pieces from moving in an axial direction, and a thrust bearing is provided between an axially end face of the projection and a contact face of each of the roller pieces.

7. (Currently Amended) The roller for a crawler type traveling vehicle according to claim 1, 2, ~~3,~~ 4 or 5, wherein the support shaft is provided with a seal mechanism at an outer part thereof, and the seal mechanism is incorporated to have a part, which is closer to the roller piece, provided to be fitted into an outer section of the roller piece and a part, which is closer to the support shaft, held to the support shaft by a retainer.

8. (Original) The roller for a crawler type traveling vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the seal mechanism is a floating seal.

9. (Currently Amended) The roller for a crawler type traveling vehicle according to claim ~~3~~1, wherein the stepped engagement parts are formed to be of equal size.